

information in an interactive wagering system, the machine-readable instructions comprising:

storing data relating to wager account information in a database; and

receiving wager information from users and providing the wager account information to users, both using a plurality of types of user interface systems, further comprising receiving a telephone call from an external source, providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call, and further comprising providing the wager account information to an external computer and receiving wager information from the external computer through the Internet.

34. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the plurality of types of user interface systems comprises:

a television wagering control system that provides the wager account information to a television distribution system and that receives the wager information from a television wagering terminal.

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35. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

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~~36~~. (New) The computer-readable medium of
claim ~~34~~, wherein the television distribution system is a
satellite television system.

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~~37~~. (New) The computer-readable medium of
claim ~~34~~, wherein the television wagering terminal is a
cable television set-top box.

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~~38~~. (New) The computer-readable medium of
claim 34, wherein the television wagering terminal is a
satellite television receiver.

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~~39~~. (New) The computer-readable medium of
claim ~~34~~, wherein the television wagering control system
receives the wager information from the television
wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

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~~40~~. (New) The computer-readable medium of
claim ~~34~~, wherein the television wagering control system
receives the wager information from the television
wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

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~~41~~. (New) The computer-readable medium of
claim ~~34~~, wherein the television wagering control system
receives the wager information from the television
wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

Sub. C97 42. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

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B 43. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

44. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

45. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a wireless connection to the external computer.

46. (New) A system for interactive wagering, the apparatus comprising:

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B means for storing data relating to wager account information in a database; and

means for receiving wager information from users and providing the wager account information to users, both using a plurality of types of user interface systems, further comprising receiving a telephone call from an external source, providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call, and further comprising providing the wager account information to an external computer and receiving wager information from the external computer through the Internet.

47. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the plurality of types of user interface systems comprises:

a television wagering control system that provides the wager account information to a television distribution system and that receives the wager information from a television wagering terminal.

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~~48~~. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~⁴¹, wherein the television distribution system is a cable system.

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~~49~~. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~⁴¹, wherein the television distribution system is a satellite television system.

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~~50~~. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~⁴¹, wherein the television wagering terminal is a cable television set-top box.

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~~51~~. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~⁴¹, wherein the television wagering terminal is a satellite television receiver.

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~~52~~. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~⁴¹, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a telephone system connection.

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~~53~~. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~⁴¹, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager

information from the television wagering terminal via a cable system connection.

~~48~~ 54. (New) The system of claim ~~47~~ ⁴¹, wherein the television wagering control system receives the wager information from the television wagering terminal via a computer network connection.

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55. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as signals generated in response to one or more telephone key depressions.

56. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the receiving the telephone call from the external source, the providing, to the external source through the telephone call, voice prompts that correspond to the wager account information, and the receiving wager information from the external source through the telephone call further comprises receiving the wager information as verbal commands that are spoken by a caller.

57. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a telephone connection to the external computer.

58. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the providing the wager account information to the external computer and the receiving wager information from the external computer further comprises providing the wager account information to the external computer and receiving the wager information from the external computer, through a wireless connection to the external computer.

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-25, 27, 28, 31, and 32 are pending in the above-identified patent application. New claims 33-58 have been added. No new matter has been added as a result of the addition of these new claims. The Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-25, 27, 28, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brenner et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,830,068